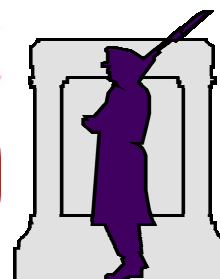




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COMMANDER'S CALL

Don Chasteen - Past Post Commander

Legion Members, Sons of the Legion, and Legion Riders,

A Past Commander's report in our Post 43 newsletter is not a common practice, and I do not intend for it to become one, but I would like this opportunity to address some final issues from this last year as your Post Commander.

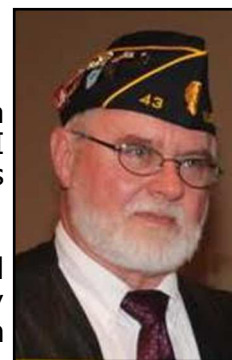
As your Commander, I had two goals that did not come to full completion. One is that a Post Auxiliary did not get fully re-established. We have a Sons of the American Legion Squadron and I think it is only right that the Post should have an Auxiliary. An Auxiliary would complete the American Legion Family in our Post, and I believe it would benefit our Post as well. Second is the need for all committee chairs to have an assistant who would know the workings of the committee and could fill in when the committee chair is absent. One person should not have to do all the work in a committee, and if a chair cannot make a Legion meeting to give a report. When no report is given it is a lost opportunity. Reports to our membership are very important and they are not expected to be very long. Committee reports are an opportunity to state what is being planned, what actions are being performed, and to ask for help if any is needed.

The last issue I want to address is; I forgot that there are no newsletters in June or July, so I want to use this opportunity to thank you all for allowing me to be your Commander. It was an honor for me to be given the responsibilities and the trust of being your Commander, and I tried very hard to fulfill them. I learned a lot about the Legion and its programs and I hope to continue learning. I met many interesting people and attended several functions that I would not have had the chance to do so, if I had not been the Commander. Besides the membership, The Legion Riders, and Sons of the American Legion, I want give a very large thank you to the executive board, trustees, and all the committee members during this last year. You are the backbone of this Post that gets things done. I believe we had a great year!

Best wishes to the new officers and Commander Jack Amberg. I am looking forward to another great year!

For the Good of the Legion and Still Serving,

Don Chasteen
Past Post Commander, Naperville American Legion Post #43



Sr. Vice Commander

Loyal Post 43 Members,

First and foremost, a huge thank you to everyone for allowing me the opportunity to continue to serve this fantastic organization as the 2019 Senior Vice. I loved my time as Junior Vice, planning our Dinner/Socials, but I am definitely excited for this new role! My goal is that we not only retain all of our current members, but grow and bring in new members. To do this I need **your** help.



Jennifer Slown

First, I need you to continue your commitment to Post 43 by ensuring your 2019-2020 dues are paid. Letters for renewal will be going out soon (if you haven't already received them). If you're a yearly paying member, have you considered a Life Membership? If you're a Life Member, what Veterans do you know that are not a part of the American Legion yet?

Second, we absolutely need to bring in new members. Our many involved members are what makes Post 43 such a strong fixture in the Naperville community. To continue our mission, we need to grow! Our organization's survival depends on it. I need you to think about those that you know who served or are currently serving, but may not be part of our organization yet. Then (and this is the big one) I need you to ask them to come to one of our meetings, social dinners, parades, or other community events to get them involved! If you don't feel comfortable doing this, let me know as I LOVE meeting and talking to new people! (shocking right?) And if you weren't aware, Post 43 pays the membership dues of any Naperville area World War II and Korean Veterans as well as those serving on Active Duty (including National Guard & Reserve). This is such an easy way to recruit a new member because it doesn't cost them a dime! All they do is fill out the application! If you need membership application, please let myself, Bob Colby, or Adjutant Nadia Rios know and we'll get you some! (also there is a copy of the form at the top of Page 3)

The American Legion is a family affair and all are welcome. For those that may not have personally served, but want to support the veteran and currently serving military community, we have an active Sons of the American Legion (S.A.L.) Squadron, and we are also looking to start a Ladies Auxiliary for Post 43. So, we are recruiting for our AL Auxiliary and also our S.A.L. If you or someone you know is the wife, daughter, son, stepson, grandson, etc. of a veteran, you can join our Auxiliary or S.A.L. Squadron and serve the veteran community.

Lastly, we need new ideas! So not only am I asking you to actively recruit, but if you have an idea on how we might attract new members, please let me know! An event, active recruiting campaign, or any other idea that will bring in new members is welcomed! Ask those veterans you know WHY they haven't joined the Legion. Or if they were a member but decided not to renew their membership, why is that? I legitimately want to know! If it's something we can change to entice more veterans to join, I need to hear about it. As a Marine Officer, I have always had an open-door policy where my Marines could come and talk to me at anytime about anything they wanted. That will continue for the duration of my tenure as a Post 43 Officer, but again, I absolutely need your support and assistance!

Okay, so I think it's pretty clear we are going to be aggressively recruiting this year. Let's make 2019-2020 our best year yet! I'm looking forward to seeing each and everyone of you around the Post!

Semper Fidelis!
Jennifer Slown
Sr Vice Commander



Membership Application Form:

The American Legion Membership Application			
[Name]		[Phone]	
[Mailing Address]			
[City]	[State]	[Zip]	
[E-mail]			
Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below: <input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 2, 1990 - cessation of hostilities as determined by U.S. Government <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 20, 1989 - Jan. 3, 1990 <input type="checkbox"/> Aug. 24, 1982 - Jul. 3, 1984 <input type="checkbox"/> Feb. 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975 <input type="checkbox"/> Jun. 25, 1950 - Jan. 31, 1955 <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 7, 1941 - Dec. 31, 1946 <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Merchant Marines (12/7/41 - 8/15/45 only)			
Dues <input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00 (1 Year) <input type="checkbox"/> \$160.00 (5 Years) ** ** Save \$40.00 on 5 Year Membership Program Please include a copy of your DD-214 with dues		I certify that I served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked and was honorably discharged or am serving honorably.	
[Signature of applicant]		[Date]	

If you have wondered about the importance of your DD-214, the attached link will get you to the VA - U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs which helps to provide the details and benefits your family will receive if you file a claim...WITHIN 2 YEARS OF VETERANS DEATH. See the link provided below for the explanation of your benefits.

The over-riding importance, however, you must have the DD-214 (or final discharge papers, if prior to DD-214) to request the benefits. Advise your family where your discharge papers are stored; and/or have a copy of your DD-214 (Discharge Documents) on file with Post 43.

This website describes veteran burial allowance/payments to the veterans family or "next of kin."

<https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/veterans-burial-allowance/>

Jim Oftedal

Coffee "and"

Saturday Morning 10 AM



The August dates are:

**Aug 3 - Monarch Landing
 Aug 10 - Brookdale - Lisle
 Aug 17 - Independence Village
 Aug 24 - Tabor Hills**

Don't forget our monthly visits with Veterans at Monarch Landing, Brookdale-Lisle, Independence Village, and Tabor Hills-Bohemian House. Join us on the 1st Saturday at Monarch Landing, the 2nd Saturday at Brookdale in Lisle, the 3rd Saturday at Independence Village, and the 4th Saturday at Tabor Hills.

Remember, all are welcome!



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER 43

During the last two months the Riders have been very busy supporting Legion activities and enjoying our own fun runs. I only have space to highlight our major activities, but rest assured we have even been more active, than what is shown below.



During May we attended another great Honor Flight but our greatest memory was attending the June Honor Flight in which Legion Rider Doug Askren was honored. Doug is a true hero and is admired and loved by his fellow Riders. It was great to honor Doug and we wish him the best as he fights some health issues. We also want to thank Doug and his wife Terry for inviting us to a wonderful service honoring veterans at Springbrook Community Church in Plainfield, IL. The guest speaker was a medically discharged soldier who was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his actions in combat and we were honored to spend some time speaking to him after the services.

Also in May many Riders participated in the Post 43 Poppy sales and, on Memorial Day, we placed flags on Veteran's grave sites in honor of their service. The Riders also rode in the annual Naperville Memorial Day Parade, in which our own Doug Deetjen was the Grand Marshall. We also attended other Memorial Day ceremonies in the Naperville area.

In June we attended the Little League games of our Post 43 sponsored teams. At the first game we prepared popcorn and brought water, which was given to fans of both teams (thanks to Bob and Sue Burch for getting the popcorn and for getting it bagged). At this game we also had a ceremony where we explained what the Legion stood for and then we presented each player and coaches on both teams with an American Flag lapel pin. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited by all, which was followed by the singing of the National Anthem by Rider Hugh Wallace. The Riders were so warmly greeted by the fans and players at the game. Everyone, players and fans, were coming up to us and thanking us for our service. It was a wonderful event. (See Photos Page 5) The second game we attended was just as memorable, as we watched our older age group players win the City Championship. Great job done by each of our Posts sponsored teams.

Also recently, supported by the Riders, was the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of the Legion and of Post 43. Riders attended the Anniversary Dinner on June 15th, the City Council Proclamation on June 18th, and the Flag Raising at City Hall on June 25th and other Anniversary events. As usual, the Riders also helped in the setup for the Anniversary Dinner.

On June 22-23 over a 1/2 dozen Riders rode in the First Illinois State Legacy Run. We donated \$1000.00 to the Legacy Fund at the State event, and we still plan to donate an addition \$6000.00 to the Legacy Fund during the 14th Annual Legacy Run August 18-22.

In July we attended another Honor Flight on the 10th. We also attended memorial services for our great friend and Past Commander Lee Lindberg on July 12 & 13th.

In the future, we have many other activities to include: Direct Burials at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, India Day Parade, Honor Flights and other Summer fun rides. Remember if you are a Legion member or a Sons of American Legion member, and ride a motorcycle, we would love to have you ride with us. Our next meeting is 28 Aug at 7:00pm at the VFW/Legion Hall patio.

Tom Dillon
Director ALR Chapter 43
630-803-2047





Post 43 Legion Riders attended our Post 43 sponsored Little League teams game and lead them in the Pledge of Allegiance before game.

Photos by Roger Treend



Post 43 Color Guard presents the colors before Air Force Band concert at Rotary Hill on July 1, 2019.

Photos by Jim Hoch

Yes, they still serve!

They, our brothers and sisters still serving in harm's way in unfamiliar places like Africa, Afghanistan, Egypt, and ships around the world. **Operation Support Our Troops-America** is actively sending 250 comfort boxes monthly to 1500 troops on the current mailing list, and additionally to 13 Chaplains. Each box contains about 25 pounds of comfort items. Over the past 16 years, OSOT-America has delivered over 2 Million pounds of comfort items to our active service members.



OSOT-America is always in need of items to pack. The VFW Post 3873 has a donation box on the upper level located by the Flag drop box. Please consider bringing a donation next time you visit the post. Or, make a special trip with a large donation. Every little bit helps. You can find the current list of needed Items:

<http://www.osotamerica.org/get-involved/itemsneeded/>

OSOT-America <http://www.osotamerica.org/> (Information and cash donations are accepted)

If you use Amazon consider using at no cost to you, their charitable link <https://smile.amazon.com/>, and naming OSOT-America to receive a small donation for each purchase.



Dick Komarek and Joe Strebel carry the Post 43 100th Anniversary banner in the WGN Block Party parade in Naperville on July 12th. (Photo by Jim Hoch)



VA Hotline
855-948-2311
8:00 am to 5:00 pm EDT





AMERICAN LEGION POST 43 CALENDAR



August 1, 2019
August 3, 2019
August 4, 2019
August 10, 2019
August 17, 2019
August 21, 2019
August 24, 2019

Thursday
Saturday
Sunday
Saturday
Saturday
Wednesday
Saturday



Post Meeting 7 pm
10 am Coffee at Monarch Landing
U.S. Coast Guard Birthday (1790)
10 am Coffee at Brookdale Plaza-Lisle
10 am Coffee at Independence Village
Legion Rider Meeting
10 am Coffee at Tabor Hills

September 2, 2019
September 5, 2019
September 7, 2019
September 9, 2019
September 10, 2019
September 14, 2019
September 17, 2019
September 18, 2019
September 18, 2019
September 21, 2019
September 21, 2019
September 21-22, 2019
September 28, 2019

Monday
Thursday
Saturday
Monday
Tuesday
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Tuesday
Wednesday
Wednesday
Saturday
Saturday
Sat-Sun
Saturday



Labor Day Parade
Post Meeting 7 pm
10 am Coffee at Monarch Landing
9/11 Remembrance
Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)
10 am Coffee at Brookdale Plaza-Lisle
S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 pm
U.S. Air Force Birthday (1947)
Legion Rider Meeting
10 am Coffee at Independence Village
Dinner/Social - Officer Installation
Harvest Pow Wow Naperville
10 am Coffee at Tabor Hills

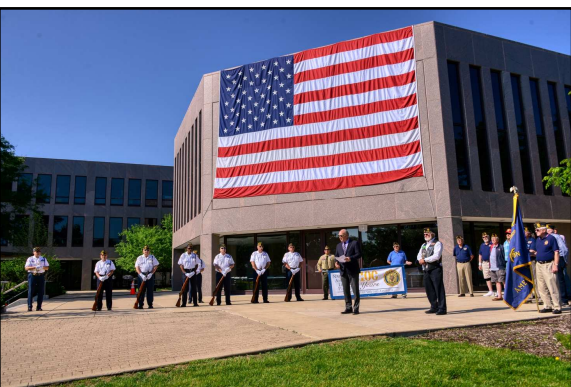
October 3, 2019
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October 8, 2019
October 12, 2019
October 13, 2019
October 15, 2019
October 16, 2019
October 19, 2019
October 19, 2019
October 26, 2019

Thursday
Saturday
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Post Meeting 7 pm
10 am Coffee at Monarch Landing
Hines VA Visit (bus leaves at 6:15pm)
10 am Coffee at Brookdale Plaza-Lisle
U.S. Navy Birthday (1775)
S.A.L. Squadron Meeting 7 pm
Legion Rider Meeting
10 am Coffee at Independence Village
Dinner/Social - Octoberfest
10 am Coffee at Tabor Hills



Post 43 Celebrates 100th Year Anniversary 1919 - 2019

Post 43 events included the 100th Anniversary Dinner on June 15; Naperville City Council Proclamation on June 18; and Flag Raising at Naperville City Hall on June 25.

(Photos by Jim Hoch)



BOY SCOUT TROOP 106

Some of the events Troop 106 has been involved with during late May and June:

Climbing Day Trip: Troop 106 traveled to Upper Limits in Bloomington, IL on May 11th. The Scouts earned their climbing merit badge which consisted of the proper demonstration of how to climb, rappel, belay as well as show how to tie knots and go over proper safety procedures. Was a great trip!



Memorial Day Activities: Troop 106 helped with Flag placement at Naperville Cemetery and also took part in the Memorial Day Parade in downtown Naperville on May 27th. Once again our Scouts are proud to help honor those that have served our Country.



Troop 106 also helped pack food at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora, IL on June 24th.



Come Join Us!

G.I. Yoga is free to all Veterans and their family members. G.I. Yoga teaches stress relief methods by using the practice of Yoga to ease aches and pains, lower blood pressure, and increase strength, flexibility, and balance. G.I. Yoga also teaches participants how to use Yoga to manage symptoms of PTSD and TBI. All classes are taught by certified Yoga Instructors. The Wednesday morning 9:30 am Yoga class at the VFW is led by Kate Fleming. Kate also has Yoga classes for Veterans on Monday (Wheaton), Wednesday (Oswego), and Friday (Winfield).

There is also a Saturday morning class at 9:30 am in the Rubin Center in Naperville, led by Chitra Singh: mailofchitra@gmail.com.

For additional information, contact:
Kate Fleming at giyoga@osotamerica.org

Schedule of Classes: www.giyoga.org

G.I. Yoga is a program of osotAmerica.org

TAPS

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Paul L. Ruble
Harlan J. Bobb
Rose Brenner
John B. Pelling
John "Jack" Gensler
William H. Hogle Jr.
John P. Jensen
Gene Buonamici
Walter "Dick" Knosher
Jack Kemp
Charles R. Dobey
Arthur E. Muehlhausen
John Thomas St. John
LeRoy "Lee" Lindberg
Roger E. Doman
Robert R. Ray



SICK CALL

Paul Hogan Mike Walczak Rich Karbarz
Doug Deetjen Jack Shiffler





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MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS are the first Thursday of every month at 7 PM,
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Boy Scouts and Special Meetings are at Post Home, 10 W. Chicago Av., Naperville, IL

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(Additional Legion Callers are needed!!)

August 2019 Activities — Opportunities

Aug 1 - Post Meeting 7pm

Aug 3 - Monarch Landing

Aug 10 - Brookdale - Lisle

Aug 17 - Independence Village

Aug 24 - Tabor Hills

Selected Thursdays & Saturdays:
Help OSOT America sort & pack
boxes at the Lisle warehouses—





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**Commander Don Chasteen accepts award for Post 43 1st Place
Newsletter at Legion State Convention.**

(Photo by Wayne Fischer)